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a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device.

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge body such that detaching said claw from said cartridge body enables a user to unlatch a latch of said and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

15 3. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:

a cartridge body having at least one window for permitting recording of a signal onto a removable recording medium when said cartridge is loaded in a signal recording apparatus;

an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said cartridge body;

a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever
 been opened or removed from said cartridge body and
 for providing such an indication to an electrical detect-
 ing device.

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge body such that detaching said claw from said cartridge body enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cover and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

4. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein.
35 comprising:

a cartridge body comprising:

first, second and third surfaces, with said first and second surfaces being on opposite sides of said cartridge body.

40 a first window in said first surface for permitting recording of a signal onto a removable recording medium when said recording medium is loaded in a signal recording apparatus, and

45 a second window in said second surface for permitting recording of a signal onto said recording medium when said recording medium is loaded in said signal recording apparatus, said second window being of an approximately identical shape as that of said first window:

50 an opening provided in said third surface for removing
said recording medium from said cartridge;

a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever
 55 been opened or removed from said cartridge body and
 for providing such an indication to an electrical detect-
 ing device.

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge body, such that detaching said claw from said cartridge body enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cover and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

5. The cartridge of either claims 2, 3 or 4.

wherein said claw and said cartridge body comprise a single molded article.

✓ 6. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:
a cartridge body configured such that a signal recording apparatus can record a
signal onto a removable recording medium housed within said cartridge body when said
cartridge body is loaded in said signal recording apparatus;
an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said
cartridge body; and
an indicator for indicating whether a cover over said opening has ever been
opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical
detecting device,
wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge
such that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cover
and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

✓ 7. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:
a cartridge body configured such that a signal recording apparatus can record a
signal onto a removable recording medium when said cartridge is loaded in said signal recording
apparatus;
an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said
cartridge body;
a cover covering said opening; and
an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed
from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device,
wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge
such that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cover
and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

✓ 8. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:

a cartridge body having at least one window for permitting recording of a signal onto a removable recording medium when said cartridge is loaded in a signal recording apparatus;

an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said cartridge body;

a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device,

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge such that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cover and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

✓ 9. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:

a cartridge body comprising:

first, second and third surfaces, with said first and second surfaces being on opposite sides of said cartridge body,

a first window in said first surface for permitting recording of a signal onto a removable recording medium when said recording medium is loaded in a signal recording apparatus, and

a second window in said second surface for permitting recording of a signal onto said recording medium when said recording medium is loaded in said signal recording apparatus, said second window being of an approximately identical shape as that of said first window;

an opening provided in said third surface for removing said recording medium from said cartridge;

a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device.

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw mounted to said cartridge
such that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cover
and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

10. The cartridge of either claims 7, 8 or 9, wherein said claw and said cartridge
body comprise a single molded article.

11. The cartridge of either claims 7, 8 or 9, wherein said claw and said cover
comprise a single molded article.

12. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:
a cartridge body configured such that a signal recording apparatus can record a
signal onto a removable recording medium housed within said cartridge body when said
cartridge body is loaded in said signal recording apparatus;

an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said
cartridge body; and

an indicator for indicating whether a cover over said opening has ever been
opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical
detecting device.

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw engaging said cartridge such
that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cartridge and
thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

13. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:
a cartridge body configured such that a signal recording apparatus can record a
signal onto a removable recording medium when said cartridge is loaded in said signal recording
apparatus;

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an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said cartridge body;

a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device,

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw engaging said cartridge such that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cartridge and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

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✓ 14. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:

a cartridge body having at least one window for permitting recording of a signal onto a removable recording medium when said cartridge is loaded in a signal recording apparatus;

an opening in said cartridge body for removing said recording medium from said cartridge body;

a cover covering said opening; and

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device,

wherein said indicator comprises a detachable claw engaging said cartridge such that detaching said claw from said cartridge enables a user to unlatch a latch of said cartridge and thereby open or remove said cover from said cartridge body.

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✓ 15. A cartridge for housing a recording medium therein, comprising:

a cartridge body comprising:

first, second and third surfaces, with said first and second surfaces being on opposite sides of said cartridge body,

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an opening provided in said third surface for removing said recording medium
from said cartridge;

an indicator for indicating whether said cover has ever been opened or removed
from said cartridge body and for providing such an indication to an electrical detecting device.

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16. The cartridge of either claims 13, 14 or 15, wherein said claw and said
cartridge body comprise a single molded article.

17. The cartridge of either claims 13, 14 or 15, wherein said claw and said cover comprise a single molded article.

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